

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 3 as follows:

Figure 3 is a cutaway view of the embodiment depicted in Figure 1 along axis 3-3; and

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 3 as follows:

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an inventive key ring, showing several inventive key cover designs; and [.]

Please add the following new paragraph after line 4 of page 3:

Figure 5 is plan views of various embodiments of inventive edge treatments.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 of page 3 as follows:

Referring now to the figures, an inventive key cover is shown generally at 10. The key cover 10 has a first sidewall 12 spaced a predetermined distance from a second sidewall 14 by an outer wall 15 having ends 17, each of the first sidewall 12 and second sidewall 14 terminating in edges 18 and 20, respectively. The ends 17 are spaced apart from the first and second edges of the first and second sidewalls, respectively. Intermediate between the first sidewall 12 and the second sidewall 14 is a space 16 adapted to receive the bow of a key (shown in ghost at K). The inventive key cover 10 while encompassing a portion of the key bow, the edges 18 and 20 do not extend so as to overlap the key shoulder. The first sidewall 12 has an aperture 22 therethrough in alignment with an opening in the key bow. Likewise, second sidewall 14 has an aperture therethrough (not shown) in alignment with aperture 22.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 4 as follows:

An inventive key cover form incorporates a tactile feature on first sidewall 12 or along first sidewall edge 18. As used herein “tactile feature” is defined to include a raised or depressed topological aspect relative to a plane defined by the sidewall or lower edge of an inventive key cover form. Tactile features according to the present invention illustratively include raised or depressed geometric shapes integral with a sidewall and illustratively including a circle, a triangle, a square, a parallelogram, a bar, a star, a cross, a heart, and an icon of such features as a house, a vehicle, an animal, and a human form; and an edge treatment as shown in Figure 5 illustratively including a row of three-dimensional shapes such as spheres, pyramids, cubes, or combinations thereof; a barbell; and a braid. While it is appreciated that any number of tactile features are operative within the present invention, such a feature must have a discernable feel that is readily described orally in the absence of the inventive key cover. Optionally, the tactile feature [[22]] 24 is duplicated on the second sidewall 14 or second edge 18.